



January 24, 2001

Mr. Gary S. Hartman
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Subject: Comments on the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant.

Dear Mr. Hartman:

After reviewing the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant, the East Tennessee Environmental Business Association (ETEBA) supports the Department of Energy's (DOE) selection of the preferred Alternative 4 (No Action - Planning Basis Operations Alternative Plus HEU Materials Facility Plus Special Materials Complex).

DOE's thorough evaluation of all the aspects of each of the alternatives supports their position that Alternative 4 will accomplish the long-term national security missions with minimal environmental impact to the site.

Through this integrated modernization program, ETEBA believes that Alternative 4 effectively addresses the effects of reduced capital funding, deferred maintenance, increased environmental and health and safety concerns, and aging facilities. We believe that the Oak Ridge community will be well served by the proposed action of Alternative 4.

ETEBA is a non-profit organization of almost 100 companies that provide technical services to federal and private sector clients across the United States and internationally. Our member companies provide services that include engineering, remediation, environmental restoration, radioactive and hazardous waste management, construction management, and regulatory compliance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,


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